

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please amend the drawings by replacing the originally filed sheet including Figure 4 of the drawings with the replacement sheet appended to this Reply. In Figure 4 as it appears on that replacement sheet, the reference characters discussed in section 10 on pages 6-7 of the Office Action are eliminated.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, and 13-15 remain in this application, claims 2, 5, 12, and 16-17 are canceled, and new claims 18-22 are added. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The informalities discussed in section 4 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action are eliminated by the claim amendments set forth above. All of the claims now in this application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The objection to the drawings is eliminated by the drawing amendments referred to above.

Claim 15 depends on claim 13 rather than claim 14, and the objection set forth in section 11 on page 7 appears inappropriate.

Each of independent claims 1 and 11 is amended above so as to incorporate limitations previously appearing in claim 12 as well as additional limitations relating to the V-shaped configuration of the carrying device supporting arms. Neither U.S. Patent 5,621,577 to Lang et al. nor U.S. Patent 5,483,385 to Boddy was relied on to reject claim 12, and it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 set forth in section 6 of the Office Action and the rejection of claims 1 and 11 set forth in section 8 of the Office Action are moot.

Claims 1 and 11 were rejected, along with claims 12-15, as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,036,325 to Su. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested. Although the assertion set forth in section 9 on pages 5-6 of the

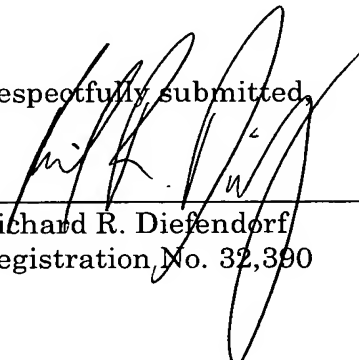
Office Action is noted, the Su assembly does not include a carrying device having supporting arms with a V-shaped course as specified, with free ends of the supporting arms of the carrying device projecting into the housing, with each supporting arm penetrating an opening in the housing by means of a collar, with the housing resting in the area of the opening on a shoulder bounding the collar, and with the free ends of the supporting arms connected with carrying elements of the housing as both claim 1 and claim 11 presently require. Nothing suggests modifying the mirror assembly forming the subject matter of the Su patent so as to include features meeting the limitations referred to, moreover, and it is respectfully submitted that both claim 1 and claim 11 as they appear above are patentable. All other claims remaining in or added to this application are dependent claims and are considered patentable as well.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52902US).

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